



# Utah Marriage Commission



# MED and Online License Stats

- Money in the MED funds account: **\$33,000**
  - The MED initiative started in October 2019
- Of approximately **26,000** couples who married this last year, **5,800 (22% of all applicants)** applied for their marriage license online through Utah and Tooele County
- Of these **5,800** couples, **1,330 (0.05% of all applicants, 23% of online applicants)** got the Marriage Education Discount (refund)



# Anticipated Funds

- There are approximately **25,000** marriages in Utah every year.
  - With a \$10 fee per couple, the Commission would bring in roughly **\$250,000** each fiscal year.
- The fee would apply to all 29 county clerk's offices in-person and online application systems



# Marriage Commission Amendments – Summary

The Commission will:

- Remove the online marriage application fee and impose a lower fee for all marriage licenses
- Remove waiver of the fee for completing pre-marriage counseling
- Repeal provisions pertaining to marriage counseling
- Move oversight responsibility of the Utah Marriage Commission from the Department of Human Services to Utah State University
- Change the membership of the Utah Marriage Commission
- Modify provisions relating to appointment, reappointment, and removal of commission members
- Repeal the sunset date for the fee, replacing it with a reporting requirement

# Bylaw Changes

The Commission will:

- Prevent a conflict of interest by only allowing those directly benefiting from Commission funds to be non-voting members
- Add a standing financial procedures and budget committee that may have the following membership
  - Commission chair
  - Commission vice chair
  - Any member without a conflict of interest and with the proper skill set to financially advise the Commission
  - Representatives from USU, as host institution